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TOWN OF NEWMARKET ONTARIO

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Ontario Committee on Taxation,
88 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

The Hon. J. W. Spooner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at a meeting I recently had with him, suggested that I write to you respecting the Metropolitan Toronto Home for the Aged "Greenacres" situated in the Town of Newmarket, as Mr. Spooner believed that you would be dealing with this matter in your report.

Greenacres occupies 12 acres in the Town of Newmarket and is serviced by Police and Fire protection, sewers, water and roads, and the Town receives no contribution toward taxes. We are advised that there is now no legislation authorizing Metropolitan Toronto to make any grant to the Town in lieu of taxes.

Greenacres pays for its water services and pays part of the sewer cost of the Sewage Treatment Plant through a rate imposed upon its water rate. In addition, the Town does receive the benefit of having some 200 employees working and spending monies in the Town.

It is felt, however, that as part of the municipality, with the residents being entitled to vote at municipal elections, the contribution that Metropolitan Toronto is permitted to make to the Town is not at all adequate, and that some form of a grant in lieu of taxes should be allowed.

I am further advised by the Clerk that, for the purposes of municipal grants from the Province of Ontario, the number of residents, approximately 550, of Greenacres, is deducted.

I therefore request that, in submitting your report, you give consideration to the above problem. I feel sure that similar situations must exist in other small municipalities near Metropolitan Toronto.

Yours very truly,

W. A. Kent

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W. A. KENT,
MAYOR OF NEWMARKET.